

# The $\lambda - \mu$ Inverse Eigenvalue Problem

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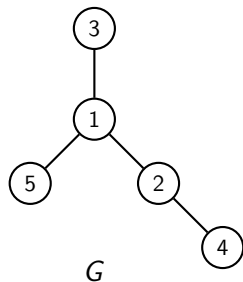
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Then we say  $A \in S(G)$ .

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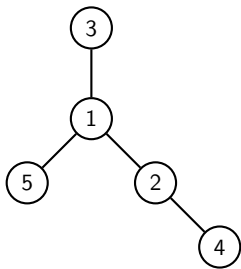
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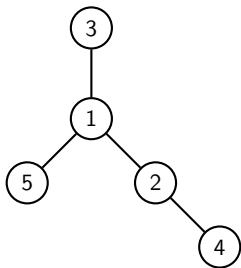
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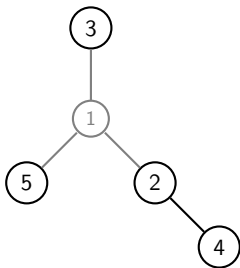
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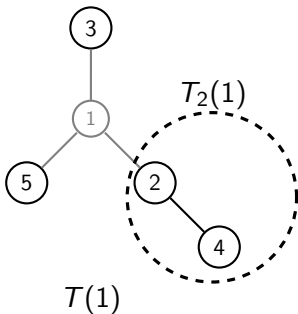
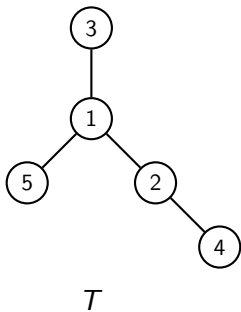
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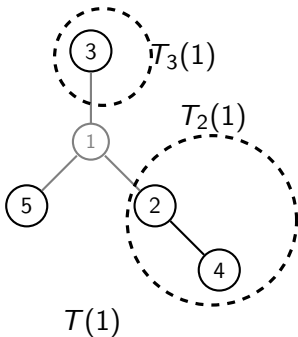
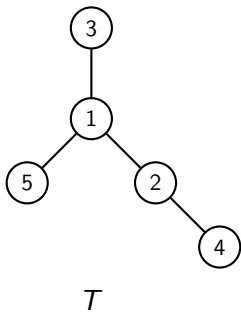
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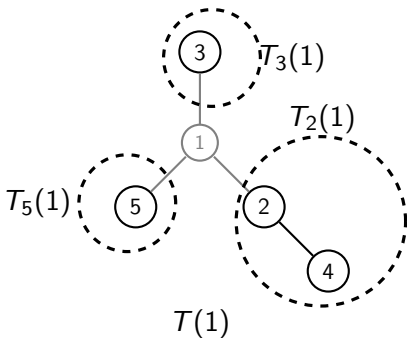
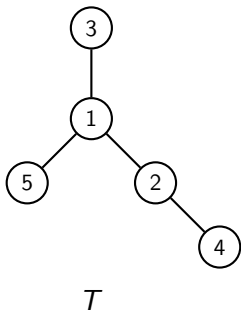
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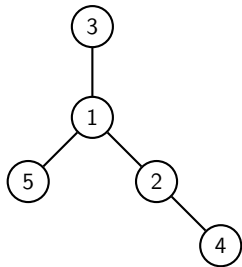
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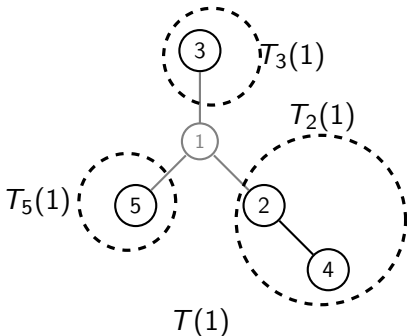
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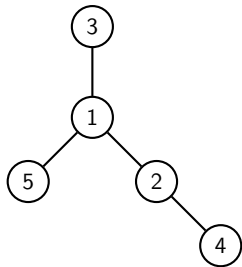
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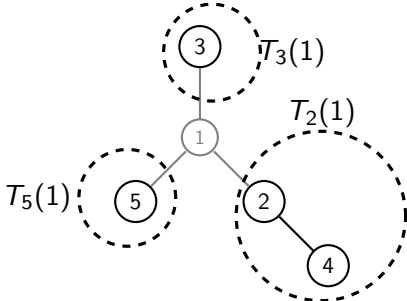
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for all neighbours  $j$  of  $i$ .





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Proof is by induction on the number of vertices.

$$\frac{f(\lambda)}{g(\lambda)} = (\lambda - a_{ii}) - \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij}^2 \frac{h_j(\lambda)}{g_j(\lambda)}$$

- ▶  $g_j$ : characteristic polynomial of  $A_j(i)$
- ▶  $a_{ij}$ : real number
- ▶  $h_j$ : monic polynomial with  $\deg(h_j) < \deg(g_j)$
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$$A = \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{i^{\text{th}} \text{ row}} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} \dots & & & & \dots \\ \hline & B_{j_1} & & O & \\ \hline & & a_{ij_1} & & \\ \hline & & a_{ij_1} & a_{ij_2} & \\ \hline & O & a_{ij_2} & B_{j_2} & \\ \hline \dots & & & & \dots \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$

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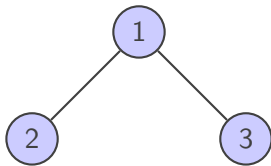
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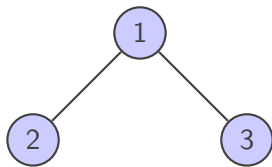
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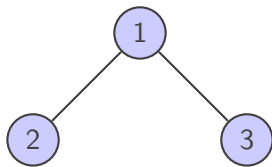


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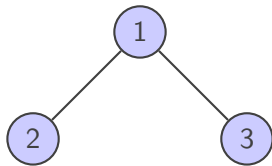
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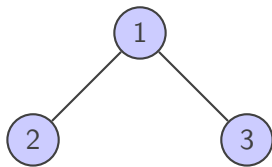
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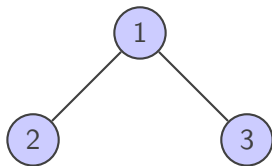


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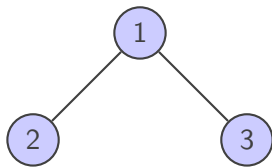
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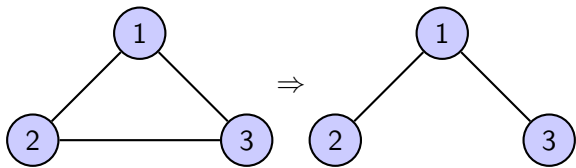
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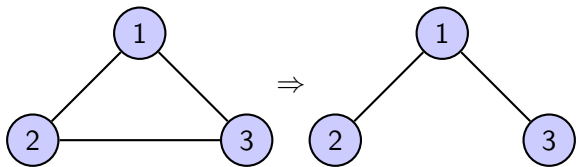
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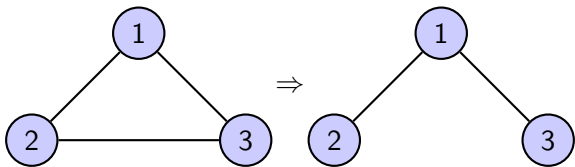
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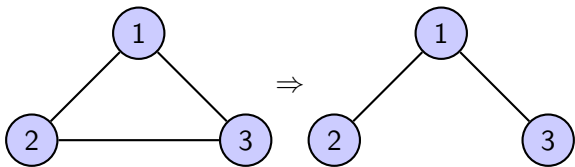




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$$F(x_1, \dots, x_5) = (2(x_1 + x_2 + x_3), 4x_1^2 + 2x_4^2 + 2x_5^2 + 4x_2^2 + 4x_3^2, \\ 8x_1^3 + 6x_1x_4^2 + 6x_1x_5^2 + 6x_4^2x_2 + 6x_5^2x_3 + 8x_2^3 + 8x_3^3, \\ 2(x_2 + x_3), 4(x_2^2 + x_3^2))$$

$$\text{Jac}(F) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 8x_1 & 8x_2 & 8x_3 & 4x_4 & 4x_5 \\ 24x_1^2 + 6x_4^2 + 6x_5^2 & 24x_2^2 + 6x_4^2 + 6x_5^2 & 24x_3^2 + 6x_5^2 & 12x_1x_4 + 12x_2x_4 & 12x_1x_5 + 12x_3x_5 \\ \hline 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8x_2 & 8x_3 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$



$$\text{Jac}(F) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 8x_1 & 8x_2 & 8x_3 & 4x_4 & 4x_5 \\ 24x_1^2 + 6x_4^2 + 6x_5^2 & 24x_2^2 + 6x_4^2 + 6x_5^2 & 24x_3^2 + 6x_5^2 & 12x_1x_4 + 12x_2x_4 & 12x_1x_5 + 12x_3x_5 \\ \hline 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8x_2 & 8x_3 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\det(\text{Jac}(f)) = 1536 x_4 x_5 x_3^2 - 3072 x_4 x_5 x_3 x_2 + 1536 x_5 x_4 x_2^2$$

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$$\det(\text{Jac}(f) \Big|_A) = 4608\sqrt{132}$$

Let  $y_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , then

$$\hat{M} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & \frac{9+\sqrt{11}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\sqrt{66}-3\sqrt{6}}{4} \\ \frac{9+\sqrt{11}}{2\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{66}-3\sqrt{6}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{eigenvalues}} -10, 0, 2$$

$$\hat{N} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{eigenvalues}} -1, 1$$

Or let  $y_1 = 0.1$ , then

$$\hat{M} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -3.552219778 & 2.526209542 \\ -3.552219778 & -0.9949874371 & 0.1 \\ 2.526209542 & 0.1 & 0.99498743710 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{eigenvalues}}$   $-9.999999999, -1.342005956 \cdot 10^{-15}, 1.999999999$

$$\hat{N} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.9949874371 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.99498743710 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{eigenvalues}} -1, 1$$

## What does "generic" mean?

- ▶ Let  $x := (x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1}), y := (y_1, \dots, y_{m-n+1})$
- ▶  $g : \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n-1}$

$$g(x, y) := (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}, d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-2})$$

$c_i$  : nonleading coeff's of the characteristic polynomial of  $M$

$d_i$  : nonleading coeff's of the characteristic polynomial of  $N$

- ▶  $f(x, y) := (\text{tr } M, \text{tr } M^2, \dots, \text{tr } M^n, \text{tr } N, \text{tr } N^2, \dots, \text{tr } N^{n-1})$
- ▶ Newton's identities imply  $f$  is obtained from  $g$  by an invertible change of variables, i.e.  $\text{Jac}(g) \Big|_A$  is nonsingular iff  $\text{Jac}(f) \Big|_A$  is nonsingular
- ▶  $F(x) := f(x, 0)$ . Then  $\text{Jac}(f) \Big|_A$  is nonsingular if  $\text{Jac}(F) \Big|_A$
- ▶ (Implicit Function Theorem)  $x_i$ 's can be described as continuous functions of  $y_j$ 's in a neighbourhood of  $A$
- ▶ so changing each  $y_j$  to some  $\epsilon_j$  one can find  $\hat{x}_j$  such that

$$g(\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_{2n-1}, \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_{m-n+1}) = (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}, d_0, \dots, d_{n-2})$$

# How to compute the Jacobian of $f$

Let  $(i, j)$  be a nonzero position of  $M$  with corresponding variable  $x_t$ . Then

- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_t} (\text{tr } M^k) = 2kM_{ij}^{k-1}$
- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_t} (\text{tr } N^k) = \begin{cases} 2kN_{ij}^{k-1} & ; \text{ if } i, j \neq n \\ 0 & ; \text{ o.w} \end{cases} = 2k\tilde{N}_{ij}^{k-1}$

$$\text{Jac}(F) \Big|_{\mathcal{A}} = 2 * \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} l_{i_1 j_1} & \cdots & l_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}} & l_{11} & \cdots & l_{nn} \\ 2A_{i_1 j_1} & \cdots & 2A_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}} & 2A_{11} & \cdots & 2A_{nn} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ nA_{i_1 j_1}^{n-1} & \cdots & nA_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-1} & nA_{11}^{n-1} & \cdots & nA_{nn}^{n-1} \\ \hline \tilde{l}_{i_1 j_1} & \cdots & \tilde{l}_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}} & \tilde{l}_{11} & \cdots & \tilde{l}_{nn} \\ 2\tilde{B}_{i_1 j_1} & \cdots & 2\tilde{B}_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}} & 2\tilde{B}_{11} & \cdots & 2\tilde{B}_{nn} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (n-1)\tilde{B}_{i_1 j_1}^{n-2} & \cdots & (n-1)\tilde{B}_{i_{n-1} j_{n-1}}^{n-2} & (n-1)\tilde{B}_{11}^{n-2} & \cdots & (n-1)\tilde{B}_{nn}^{n-2} \end{array} \right]$$

## How to show the above matrix is nonsingular?

### Lemma:

Let  $A$  have the Duarte property with respect to the vertex 1,  $G(A)$  be a tree  $T$ , and  $X$  be a symmetric matrix such that

1.  $I \circ X = O$ ,
2.  $A \circ X = O$ ,
3.  $[A, X](1) = O$ .

then  $X = O$ .

# How Does the Implicit Function Theorem Work?

## Theorem

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^s, y \in \mathbb{R}^r$$

$F : \mathbb{R}^{s+r} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$  : continuously differentiable on an open subset  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{s+r}$

$$F(x, y) = (F_1(x, y), F_2(x, y), \dots, F_s(x, y)),$$

$(a, b) \in U$  with  $a \in \mathbb{R}^s$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^r$

$c \in \mathbb{R}^s$  such that  $F(a, b) = c$

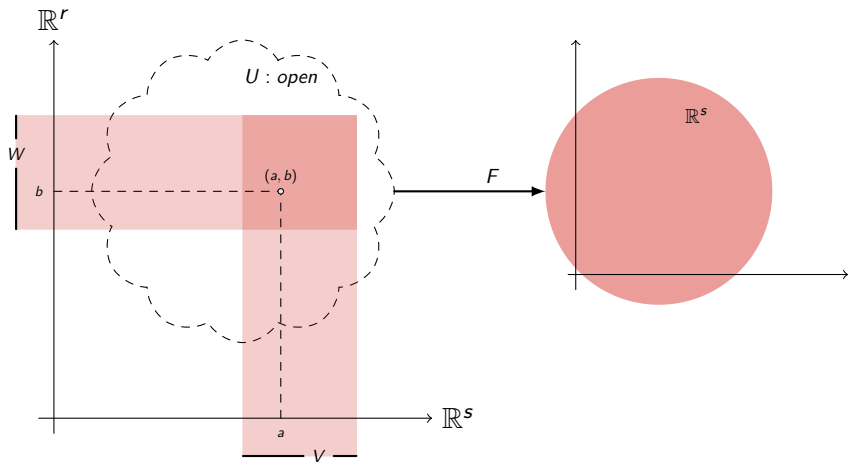
If  $\left[ \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} \Big|_{(a,b)} \right]$  is nonsingular, then there exist an open neighborhood

$V$  containing  $a$  and an open neighborhood  $W$  containing  $b$  such that  $V \times W \subseteq U$  and for each  $y \in W$  there is an  $x \in V$  with

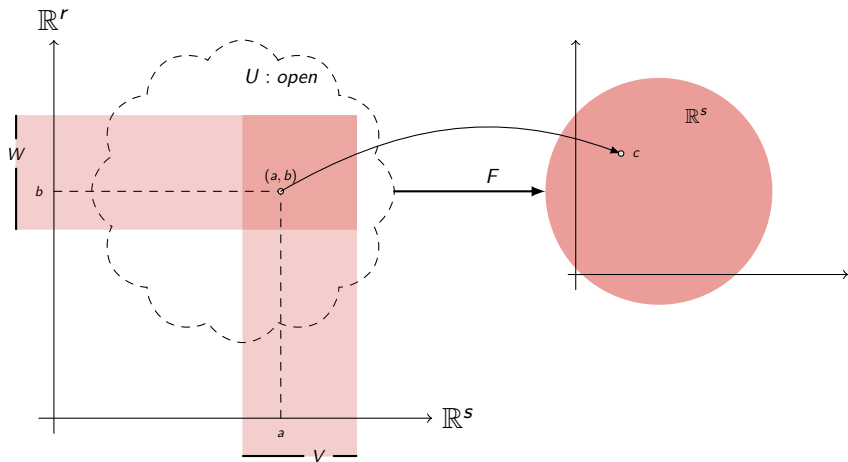
$$F(x, y) = c$$



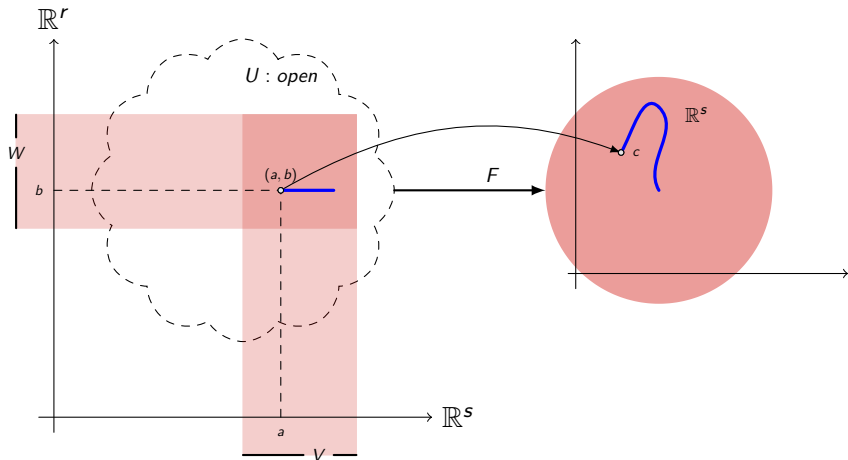
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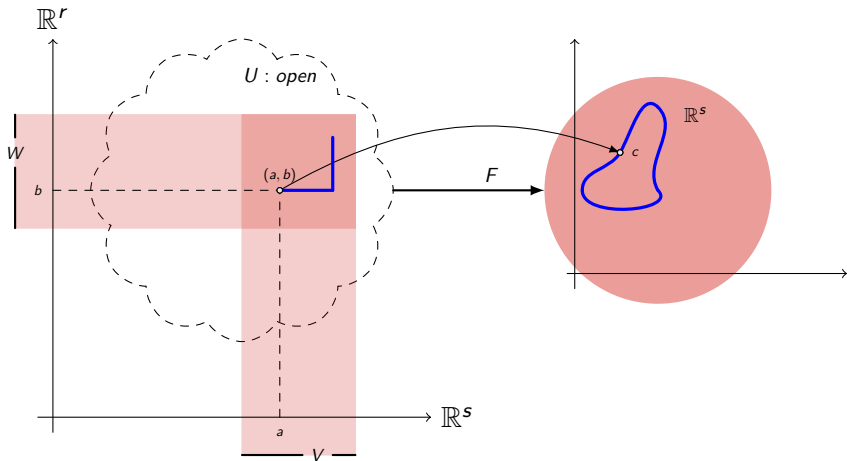
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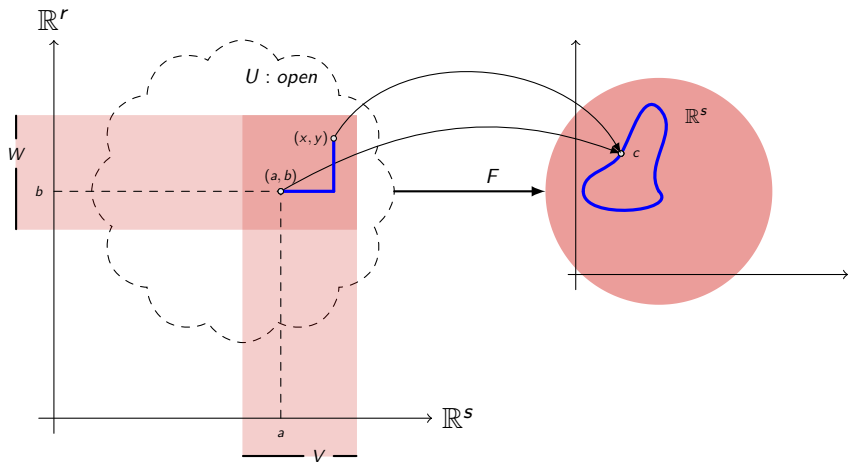
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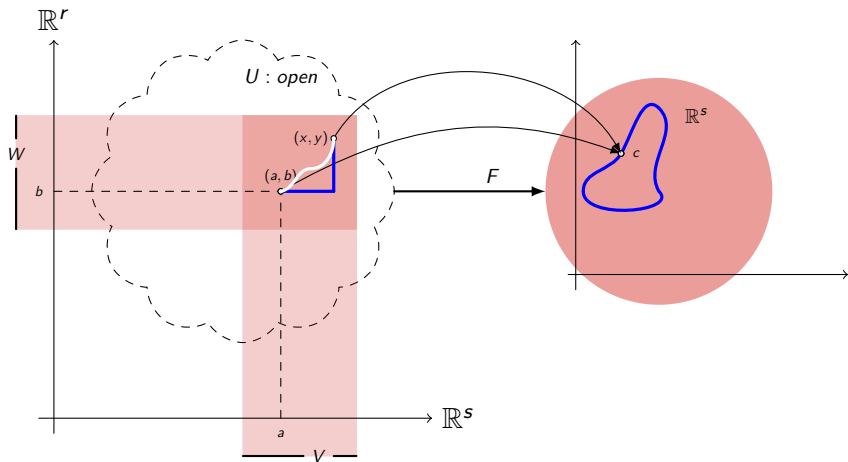
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**Thank You!!**